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Bankruptcy Judge

Education: Tulane 1977 BA; Stanford 1982 JD  
Began Service: May 2, 2002

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**Richard T. Haik, Sr.**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1950  
Education: Southwestern Louisiana 1971 BS; Loyola (New Orleans) 1975 JD  
Began Service: June 14, 1991  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Judicial:** Judge, Louisiana District Court (1984-1991)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Haik & Broussard (1975-1979); Partner, Haik, Broussard & Haik (1979-1981); Partner, Haik, Haik & Minvielle (1981-1984); Partner, Verret Partnership (1982-1985)

**Military Service:** Louisiana National Guard (1971-1978); United States Army Reserve (1978-1984)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Federal Bench-Bar Liaison Committee; Federal Judges Association; Federal-State Louisiana Judges Liaison Committee; Fifth Circuit District Judges Association; Iberia Parish Bar Association; Louisiana Bar Association

**Staff**

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**Rebecca F. Doherty**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1952  
Education: Northwestern State 1973 BA, 1975 MA; LSU 1981 JD  
Began Service: November 18, 1991  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Legal Practice:** Onebane, Donohoe, Bernard, Torian, Diaz, McNamara & Abell (1981-1991)

**Current Memberships:** Acadian Association of Women Attorneys; American Bar Association; Lafayette Bar Association; Louisiana Bar Association

**Staff**

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**Tucker L. Melançon**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: LSU 1968 BS; Tulane 1973 JD  
Began Service: 1994  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Member of Board of Directors and Secretary-Treasurer, Laco Premium Plan Incorporated (1985); Member, Board of Directors and Secretary-Treasurer, Southeast Central Louisiana Premium Finance Company (1987); Member, Advisory Board, Catalyst Old River Hydroelectric Partnership (1989-1992)

**Chambers of District Judge Tucker L. Melançon continued**

**Corporate:** Member, Board of Directors, Catalyst Vidalia Corporation (1992-1994)

**Legal Practice:** Knoli & Knoll (1973-1975); Sole Practitioner (1975-1983); Partner, Melancon & Rabalais (1984)

**Current Memberships:** American Inns of Court; American Judicature Society; Federal Bar Association; Louisiana Bar Association

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**Robert G. James**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: Louisiana Tech 1968 BA; LSU 1971 JD  
Began Service: October 31, 1998  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Judicial:** Judge (part time), Ruston City Court (1985-1998); Judge Pro Tempore, Supreme Court of Louisiana, Lincoln and Union Parishes (1993-1997)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Barham, Wright, Barham & Dawkins (1971-1972); Partner, Barham, Wright, Barham & Dawkins (and successor firms) (1972-1985)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Judges Association; Boy Scouts of America, Board of Directors Ouachita Valley; Louisiana Bar Association; Louisiana Bar Foundation, Fellow; Louisiana Parish Bar Association; Louisiana Tech University Foundation; Nature Conservancy, Member

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**Dee D. Drell**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: November 4, 1947  
Education: Tulane 1968 BA, 1971 JD  
Began Service: May 9, 2003  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Gravel, Roy and Burnes (1975-1981); Member, Gold, Weems, Bruser, Sues & Rundell (1981-2003)

**Military Service:** Judge Advocate General, United States Army (1971-1975)

**Current Memberships:** Alexandria Bar Association; American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Crossroads-American Inns of Court; Louisiana Bar Association

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**S. Maurice Hicks, Jr.**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: December 5, 1952  
Education: Texas Christian 1974 BA; LSU 1977 JD  
Began Service: June 12, 2003  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Current Memberships:** Louisiana Bar Association; Shreveport Bar Association

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**Patricia Head Minaldi**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: September 12, 1958  
Education: Wesleyan U 1980 BA; Tulane 1983 JD  
Began Service: June 16, 2003  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Current Memberships:** Louisiana Bar Association; Southwest Louisiana Bar Association

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